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1. Approximately 40,000 Communist partisans consisting of remnants of North Korean People's Army troops formerly engaged on the central front and whose withdrawal was prevented by the UN advance, were deployed on 11 December in Pyonggang County (127-17, 38-24) awaiting Chinese Communist help. Troop dispositions are as follows:

- a. 2500 in Kisan-ni (127-08, 38-34).
- b. 10,000 in the Mokchon-myom (127-08, 38-35) area.
- c. 8,000 at Ichon (126-53, 38-29) County.
- d. 10,000 at Pyonggang-kun (126-51, 38-25).
- e. 6,000 at Kumhwa (127-29, 38-18).
- f. 3,500 at Hwachon (127-40, 38-07) County.

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2. The headquarters of this force is at Kisan-ni in the Kisan Primary School building, a one-story, flat-roofed, lime-walled structure 45 by 10 by 4 meters (approximately 150 by 33 by 13 feet), approximately 60 meters (200 feet) northwest of the intersection of the roads to Munan-ni (126-55, 38-40) and Taepyong-ri (127-10, 38-37) (sic) Mulgae-ri (126-19, 38-22) and Oktong-ni (127-07, 38-27) on the northeast side of the road between the police station at the northwest corner of the intersection and the Myom Administrative Office, both the latter less than one third the size of the school building. Approximately 60 meters northeast of the intersection at Taepyong-ri Road is a bridge over a small river running southeast-northeast parallel to the Munan-ni Road.
3. The command staff of this force quarters in the residence of KIM Tae-ik, a flat-roofed, lime-walled house 10 by 5 by 3 meters, approximately 500 meters

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(1640 feet) northwest of the bridge, 75 meters (250 feet) northeast of the river. The house was confiscated for the purpose.

4. The garrison in the immediate area is 700 men, 100 in each of seven-walled fortifications distributed on each of three hills running northeast from a point approximately 250 meters (1150 feet) south southeast of the Oktong Road intersection, and each of four hills running northwest from a point approximately 250 meters east northeast of the bridge. This force is commanded by KIM Ch'aek, former Vice Premier of the North Korean government.
5. The force is armed as follows: (numbers of weapons unstated)
  - a. Small arms: Rifles, Soviet Moisin-Nagant, 80 percent; Soviet PPSH, 10 percent; remainder U.S. M-1 and pistols (undescribed).
  - b. Heavy weapons: Twenty Soviet 120-mm. mortars; forty 96-mm. mortars (sic)\*; 80 maxim mag's; 200 lng's.
6. The ammunition supply is infrequent.
7. Transport consists of 5 motorcycles, ten 3-wheeled motorcycles, and 300 ox carts. Rations are obtained by confiscation from neighboring villages.
8. Groups of these partisans disguised as refugees penetrate other areas making contact with other groups of NKPA remnants.

25X1 ☐ Comment. 96-mm. mortar possibly Japanese 90-mm. mortar or Soviet 82-mm. mortar.

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